

Jefferson High, which also recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Today, the district encompasses five schools across two cities serving over 4,000 students. The district also offers an adult school program.

For the first thirty-six years, the district was composed of Jefferson High School but in 1958 Westmoor High opened in Daly City. As the City of Pacifica grew, Terra Nova opened its doors in 1961, followed the next year by Oceana. Serramonte opened in 1970 in Daly City and then closed in 1981, although many classes for the adult school continue at the site as do district administrative functions. Thornton High School, also in Daly City, opened in 1975.

There were schools serving students before the district existed. San Francisco provided the main high schools, but in 1922 local leaders realized that a nearer site was needed.

The school district officially commenced operations on June 2, 1922, and the first members of the school board were Matthew Grady, chairperson, Stella Jensen, clerk, Florence Stockton, Adolph Gehrenger, and Roderick McDonald. Mr. Neill O. Best was the head of the school and he had three colleagues, Gilda Belloni, Gladys Lukes, and Barto Molineaux. Over fifty students were in the entering class of the district's first school, and they had their choice of multiple subjects including mathematics, science, athletics/PE, Spanish, drama, commercial arithmetic, typing, book-keeping, spelling, penmanship, civics, free hand drawing, music and vocational guidance.

Today's district offers classes spanning the range of traditional high school subjects such as English, math, science and social science, but also includes advanced placement instruction for those who want to earn college credits. Oceana offers a food and nutrition elective. Jefferson's website points students in the direction of the Skyline Promise Program, a pathway to free community college. At Terra Nova, students may take ceramics while at Westmoor ceramics and drawing are available. Bands, sports and other offerings keep students throughout the district engaged. The adult school offers classes in work training and technology, English, high school diploma and GED preparation, citizenship test preparation, and art.

Most importantly, the Jefferson Union High School District is dedicated to serving the individual needs of each student. A robust vocational support system exists and of course college preparation is available to all. The cost of living in our community is high, and rents force many parents to struggle. The district offers students additional services to assist with household stresses.

On the same day as the celebration of the district's 100th anniversary, the district will also cut the ribbon on a 122-unit apartment project that will offer employees rent at well below market rates. This should help to stabilize the district's employee base and strengthen education over the years. A similar strategy was enacted by the local community college district and has been decisive in reducing turnover. Taxpayers in the high school district voted to support bonds to provide funding for this outstanding project. It was a very wise choice. It will ease the financial pressure on teachers and employees and will allow them to live in the community in which they teach. It's not quite a return to the 1960's when housing was far less expensive and

much more plentiful, but this apartment development is an example of public resources—scarce public land—put to significant and beneficial use for decades to come. Its success in this and other endeavors is due to its superb leadership. The Board of Trustees includes Ms. Rosie Tejada, President, Mr. Andrew Lie, Vice President, Ms. Kalimah Salahuddin, Clerk, Mr. Nick Occhipinti and Ms. Carla Ng-Garrett.

In closing, let me note that Jefferson Union High School District achieves the goals of Horace Mann and other early advocates for free, universal, public education. The district prepares young people for their lives as citizens in a democracy, and it equips them with skills to enter the modern economy. Whether in the trades or college, in our region or abroad, whether in service to the public or to the private sector, the graduates of Jefferson Union High School District have a golden opportunity to understand their current place in the world and to create their own path for a great future. On behalf of the community, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the Jefferson Union High School District. They are 100 years young, and ready to meet all challenges.

RECOGNIZING SENIOR PASTOR THOMAS ZOBRIST

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Reverend Thomas (Tom) Zobrist, Senior Pastor of Liberty Bible Church in Eureka, IL, for being conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Calvary University.

Prior to his service as senior pastor, Tom served in the U.S. Air Force for six years as a B-52 crew chief. After returning home from his time in the military, Tom graduated from Cavalry Bible College with a Pastoral Degree. Tom was later called as pastor of the Liberty Bible Church. As Senior Pastor of Liberty Bible Church for the past 34 years, Tom has faithfully been a shepherd for the congregation of Liberty Bible Church.

Tom's commitment to the Eureka community and central Illinois is unquestionable. Over the years, Tom has held influential roles with the Board for the Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission, Calvary University Board of Trustees, and IFCA Board of Directors. He has selflessly dedicated his time as senior pastor to improving the lives of his congregation and strengthening his community. The religious values instilled through Tom's teachings will continue to strengthen our community for years to come.

Our community has been fortunate to benefit from the service and leadership of Tom Zobrist. I extend my sincere congratulations to Tom on being conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Calvary University. I wish him much success as he continues to lead a life of service to the Eureka community and central Illinois.

HONORING THE INVESTITURE OF
THE HONORABLE JUDGE
YVONNA C. ABRAHAM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yvonna C. Abraham of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on the occasion of her investiture as a judge of the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. Appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer on July 1, 2021, Judge Abraham is the first Palestinian American judge in the state of Michigan. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Judge Abraham is a graduate of the University of Michigan—Dearborn and earned her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. Prior to her appointment to the circuit court, Judge Abraham served as magistrate and director of probation for the 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights. She also taught courses in Business Law at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. As a judge serving in the Family Division, she handles cases involving domestic relations; including divorce, child custody, and personal protection matters.

Paving the way for future legal professionals, Judge Abraham is the first Palestinian American judge in the state of Michigan. Known for her integrity and fairness in difficult matters, Judge Abraham continues to serve her neighbors inside and outside of the courtroom. A mentor to aspiring law students, she serves on the court's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. She is also a member of the State Bar Judicial Ethics Committee and was President of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates. At home she is a member of the Wayne Mental Health Advisory Board, the Women Lawyer Association of Michigan, and the Arab American Women's Business Council Board. Judge Abraham resides in Dearborn Heights with her husband Marwan and daughter Lena.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Yvonna C. Abraham on the occasion of her investiture as a judge of the Wayne County Third Circuit Court. This is a historic day and a culmination of Judge Abraham's lifetime of hard work and dedication to our community. We wish her the best as she takes on this new role.

HONORING BAILEY FORD ON THE
GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW
DEALERSHIP IN PLATTSBURGH

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Bailey on the grand opening of Bailey Ford's new state-of-the-art facility in Plattsburgh, New York. The Bailey family has been proudly serving the Plattsburgh community in the auto industry for four generations, and I look forward to their continued success in the North Country.

The Bailey name has an extensive history in the North Country auto industry. In 1942, Albert Bailey, Sr., great-grandfather of current

company President Andrew Bailey, opened his first dealership in Dannemora. After the success of his first dealership, Albert Sr. opened a Ford dealership in the 1960's with his son, Lloyd.

In the eighty years since Albert Sr. opened the first dealership, Bailey Ford has become a staple in the North Country. In 2019, they acquired an 8,000-square-foot facility in Plattsburgh. Bailey Ford quickly outgrew this location as sales skyrocketed by over 90%, despite challenges posed by the pandemic. In 2021, the Baileys were ready to expand, and they began construction on a brand-new 40,000 square-foot dealership across town. The new dealership is five times the size of their current location, which will allow them to expand their inventory and service capacity. They will also bring new jobs to the Plattsburgh community, as they are expected to double their staff once the project is complete.

The Bailey family has continued to be committed to the development and success of the North Country community for over eighty years. We look forward to the opening of their new dealership on May 14, 2022. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank and congratulate Andrew Bailey and the entire team on this incredible achievement and wish them the best of luck.

HONORING THE CHARITABLE
WORK OF WILLIAM LORENZ, JR.

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. William Lorenz, Jr.'s devotion to our Western New York communities.

Mr. Lorenz was born and raised in Buffalo, New York and has lived there his entire life. After high school, Mr. Lorenz attended Canisius College and graduated with a degree in political science and a classics minor. Mr. Lorenz was also member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity at Canisius College, and after completing his undergraduate studies, Mr. Lorenz attended the University at Buffalo School of Law, where he graduated with an intellectual property concentration. Since graduating from law school, Mr. Lorenz has worked in the legal field, currently serving as a Senior Associate for the Mura Law Group.

Mr. Lorenz has been volunteering in our Western New York communities for several years. He has raised thousands of dollars for various charities including the Mental Health Association of Erie County, Compeer of Greater Buffalo, Mercy Flight, Inc., and Hearts for the Homeless. Mr. Lorenz has also donated his time and expertise as a litigator by teaching and coaching the Canisius College Mock Trial Team.

In 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Lorenz volunteered at social distancing parades for children with special needs, collected donations at food and blood drives, and delivered groceries to those unable to get groceries for themselves.

While selflessly volunteering at these events, Mr. Lorenz found that there was a food shortage emergency in Western New York. After this realization, he partnered with FeedMore WNY to organize the first-ever Superhero Food Drive and he is now recognized as "Buffalo's Best Batman." Through Mr. Lorenz's efforts, the Superhero Food Drive collected over 1,300 pounds of non-perishable donations in a single day. These donations were critical to helping those in need within our Western New York communities.

I thank Mr. Lorenz for his commitment to community service and his dedication to our Western New York communities, and I believe that Mr. Lorenz exemplifies what it means to be a Western New Yorker.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Lorenz for service to our communities and in honoring the positive impact he has made and continues to have on New York's 27th Congressional District.

HONORING RALENE BERGQUIST
FOR HER TEN YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of the 4th District of Kansas to pay tribute to Ralene Bergquist as she retires after ten years of service to our congressional district.

Ralene Bergquist has faithfully served the people of Kansas' Fourth Congressional District for ten years. She began her career as a U.S. House of Representatives district staffer during the tenure of my predecessor, former Kansas' Congressman Mike Pompeo. When Congressman Pompeo accepted the call to become Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Ralene was instrumental in facilitating the smooth and successful transition when I first took office.

Ralene joined my district office shortly after my special election. Despite all the changes that come with a change in a district's Member of Congress, Ralene remained as the familiar, constant voice and compassionate listener for the constituents of the Fourth District of Kansas. She has served as the friendly face in the lobby and office manager of our district office for five years, following her five years of service with former Rep. Pompeo.

Ralene's dedication and work has been very much appreciated and a great service to two

members of Congress as well as the constituents of Kansas' Fourth Congressional District. I speak for myself and the entire D.C. and district staff when I say we will miss Ralene after she retires from congressional service.

We are excited to see what the future holds for Ralene and wish her many blessings as she enjoys more time with her husband, Kansas State Representative Emil Bergquist, their children, and their grandchildren.

I congratulate Ralene on a wonderful career and say thank you from a grateful district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMMIGRANTS' ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Immigrants' Assistance Center of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Founded in 1971 by members of the New Bedford Portuguese community, the Immigrants' Assistance Center has served as an invaluable resource to the Southcoast of Massachusetts for over 50 years. Working with 12,000 immigrants and non-English speakers a year, the Immigrants' Assistance Center provides case management and legal assistance all throughout the immigration process and road to citizenship. The multilingual staff offers language and literacy classes and works tirelessly to ensure work force readiness by assisting members of the immigrant community obtain employment to become financially self-sufficient.

With its dedicated staff advising clients on the steps necessary to access essential resources—such as food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare—the Immigrants' Assistance Center is the organization that many look to for guidance when first coming to the U.S. This incredible organization assists members of the community in a variety of circumstances and across all ages. From their at-risk youth program to their elder services program, which provides healthcare coordination assistance as well as a weekly Health, Wellness, and Social program, it is clear why the Immigrants' Assistance Center has grown to become a pillar of the Greater New Bedford area.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the 50th anniversary of the Immigrants' Assistance Center for their dedication to bettering their community. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their service and wishing them all the best in the years to come.